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Wendell Old Home Day July 10th

Preparations for our town fairaand celebration are under way and looking good. The day starts off with a new event this year. Beth Erviti has organized the First Annual Wendell Five Mile Dash-a road race through the state Forest and ending at the common. Interested runners can pick up applications at local sports shops,or call Anne Diemand at 544-7347. Road race posters will go up around town this week.

The day is filled with plenty to see and plenty to do. There will be contests to join,games to play,animals to meet, and craft booths to enjoy. Your bellies will be treated to an array of homemade goodies,ice cream cones,and an evening chicken BBQ. And an afternoon of music is planned for relaxing and dancing on the common. There will be an official a announcers booth this year to keep all posted on the days activities. If you would like to rent a booth space and for any Wendell Old Home Day information, call Anne. Please come and Enjoy!!

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Old Home Day

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Get your arms and back ready, here comes the double hand saw competition at the Wendell and New Salem Old Home Days. Here Klondike of Wendell demonstrates his technique.

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New Salem Old Home Day July 17th

Old Home Day is a day set aside in the middle of the summer for folks to come together on the Town Common. It's a time to visit, relax and to participate in the day's activities which have been carefully planned and hopefully will be appealing enough to draw and hold a large crowd. For me, it's a time of community. A gathering, a sharing, a chance to see neighbors and friends. What could be more important in the face of our changing times than a pulling together -- in appreciation of our town, our lives and each other.

Originally, Old Home Day in New Salem was an outgrowth of the Academy Reunions. The reunions began in 1874 and provided the opportunity for Academy classmates to renew old friendships and "catch up on the year's news," while enjoying entertainment on a warm summer's day. Everyone in town enjoyed it. In 1971, when the Academy disbanded, the town resolved to continue this tradition in the form of Old Home Day. Today, the Academy still schedules an Alumni Meeting and the day also hosts a variety of other events and entertainment. A schedule of this year's Old Home day follows:

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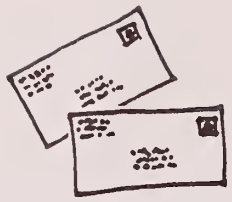

A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

June 1, 1982
No. Prescott Rd.
Star Rte.
New Salem, MA 01355

Dear Community People,

About five or six years ago, I had the opportunity to live in the center of Wendell in the winter time. Unfortunately, the house was very nice, but a bit drafty and cold due to the high winter winds on the Wendell Hill. Being so chilly caused me to do some hard thinking. The only positive solution I envisioned was building a windmill to generate energy to heat the place! I did not own the house, so the idea remained a pleasant fantasy serving only to warm my imagination.

This idea keeps recurring to me, so I've decided to write this letter hoping someday this fantasy will become a constructive and positive reality. Maybe someone out there in "Wendell Post Land" knows something concrete about wind mills or wind towers. My personal knowledge of the technology involved to build and utilize a windmill is practically nil.

Maybe some group could co-ordinate a building project and construct a wind tower on Wendell Common. Maybe the windmill could generate heat for some building there. Someday maybe energy could be generated to heat or help heat the town hall, the library, church, fire station, day care center and all the individual houses around the center.

Right now the reality is distant and the idea grandiose, but I hope someday a wind mill will serve someone's purposes in a positive and constructive way.

Another windy site, the New Salem Common, might also be an excellent place for a windmill. I hope someday wind towers will channel all that wind power generated by the New Salem and Wendell winds and warm people's hearts and homes instead of chilling them to the bones.

Sincerely yours,

Pauline Mountain-Bird

Opinion

BICKERING

"I think we're down to the bottom of our mess." - Ted Lewis

On the bright, sunny day before Easter we sat down to talk, the two of us, to explore a dark cloud that has drifted over our town and town government. In his living room, Ted Lewis, 4 term selectman, and I attempted to figure out why it is people have stopped coming to town meetings and helping as much with town government.

I was inspired to look further into this problem when Ted explained at one of our recently post-poned (for lack of quorum) special town meetings that the reason many people weren't coming, "is the bickering going on in town." We agreed that the long hard winter had probably exacerbated some bad feelings that have been brewing for awhile. During our Saturday afternoon conversation we looked into the source of some of these conflicts.

Perhaps symbolic of these disputes was the recently approved zoning by-law package. Ted said, "The older people have accepted the by-laws and found out they can work for us, but they had been a thorn." Until this issue was resolved it was seen by many as a move that the "younger people" that had arrived in the last 10 years were trying to push on those already here.

It is good if people can feel now that more was at stake than just an argument between two groups in town. The arguments, in fact gained their strength from a common concern about Wendell's future.

Another more volatile issue is the problem with the town's relationship to its Highway Dept. It is a conflict that has taken on a very nasty tone in the last several years. The tone has made the whole town uneasy. What has made the impasse so perplexing is that we have not had an effective process for solving the difficulties have arisen.

The job of running the Highway Dept. has built-in conflicts and pressures. After a tough winter like this past one, who can doubt it. The responsibilities are enormous. In the recent disputes we need a clear, open channel for accountability, but it wasn't there - it isn't yet.

When the town voted to elect the Highway Surveyor, it did so to make the job secure from the changing political composition of the selectboard. To return to the old method would be a mistake. But a compromise should be available where town officials can effectively oversee the budget of the Highway Dept., but not be able arbitrarily to dismiss a Road Boss without just cause. Ted has been working with the other selectmen to develop such a personnel policy. Sometimes personalities make any process unworkable, other times the process is at fault. This controversy seems to be a case of the latter and the structure should be changed.

Another structure we talked about at length was the Town Meeting itself. Ted claims many of the 'older people' were put off by the prolonged town meetings. He felt they were confused by those members "who beat around Tom Sawyer's barn to make a point." We talked about how a town meeting is prepared and the rules to which it is subject. For instance many articles on the warrant must be correctly worded to meet the State Attorney Generals approval. There are times when amendments from the floor obstruct that approval.

I can see both sides of this issue (as could Ted). My first town meetings were exciting. Where else did I have the chance to have my say on $500,000 + budget or speak for laws that directly affected my life. This is the blessing of the New England Town Meeting. But like anything precious it needs care and nurture, so that all Wendell citizens can feel that it is their meeting. Ted seemed enthusiastic about my suggestion that we hold a workshop to discuss the why's and wherefores of an effective town meeting. We may try to put such a workshop together this spring.

So, we have trouble at Town Meetings, trouble on the road crew. I've heard about uneasiness in the Police Dept. and squabbles in the Fire Dept. And there are occasional rumbles from other quarters too. Are we really so beset by genuine antagonism or are we just grumpy because, as Ted said, "we've all been too high on the hog - we're all gonna change, we're all gonna come down a notch or two?" Some of this adjustment we have all had to make just isn't much fun.

As we make this adjustment, maybe we should pause to think about conflict itself. Conflict is something our culture teaches us to avoid (not polite, threatening, unpleasant, etc.). But our differences get stuck in bickering if we don't put them out where they can be resolved. No one can accuse Ted of soft-pedalling on tough issues, but he explains "these New England hard-heads are hard to change (referring to himself) but I've had to change. I do argue, sometimes needlessly, just to see what they really mean. If you don't make them show their point real good, how can you favor what they want. I might argue like hell at the meeting, but afterward I'll say, 'They got a point there.' Some things have to be changed."

Living in a small town, he cautions, against making a political argument a personal feud. "You and I can have a knock down fight at the Town Hall. When I get done, no matter which way it went, I still want to be your friend, neighbor and all."

I don't share Ted's style, but I do share his conclusion that we do need to keep finding ways to help each other out. In a small town we need each other even more than we sometimes are comfortable to admit. It is important to recognize that we each might have a different way of making our contribution - some quietly, some loud and clear, some steady, some quick and gone.

One of the most attractive features of our community is that many of us stand up for our convictions. Perhaps it is too early to be dismayed by the feather-ruffling we've subjected one another to. It is not too far-fetched to think that there is some of that Yankee hard-headedness in each of us. How else could we deal with some of the tough problems our hard scrabble town presents us?

At the same time we must be careful to see that this toughness is not a cover for meanness, rather it is part of the will necessary to conserve those valuable things we do share in Wendell.

Ted and I finished our talk by wondering whether there was a way to resume regular community suppers. He said, "There's nothing to bring anybody closer together than when they're eating. I'd like to see that come back again." Maybe we could even brew up a little understanding to serve with dessert.

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--- Michael Idoine

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OLD HOME DAYS

'ON THE COMMON'

July 17th

July 10th

New Salem's Old Home Day's schedule

10:00 Registration for footrace
10:30 Ben Stacy Family Footrace

Art exhibits open. During the day there will be demonstrations of spinning, painting, quilting, rug braiding and throwing pottery. Finished products of these local craftspeople and artists will also be on display and for sale.

11:00 Soapbox Derby

Lumberman's Contest

11:45 Parade

12:30 Joshua J. the Waffle Clown with children's music

1:00 Morris Dancing

2:00 Band Concert

4:00 Alumni Meeting

4:30 & 6:00 Supper, first & second seatings

7:30 "Small Town Life:, an original musical written especially for Old Home Day. (Look for the article featuring this production in this issue).

9:00 Contra Dance

On going activities include pony rides, children's games, wagon and antique fire engine rides and various sales of bargains, treasures and concessions. So, mark Saturday, July 17th on your calendars and keep the tradition. This year's Old Home Day promises to be a good one. See you there!

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Wendell's Old Home Days schedule

FRIDAY JULY 9

7:30 Wendell Library Movie-
' The Phantom of the Opera"

SATURDAY JULY 10

9:45 Wendell 1st Annual 5 Mile Dash
9:30 Fæ Painting
10:00 Childrens' Parade--
Bring your bike, be a clown
Henry Brown Clown Show
11:00 New Games- for all ages
Money Hunt
11:30 Obstacle Course - teenage & adult
1:30 Log Sawing Contest
2:00 MUSIC!!
Magic Music Band Regroups
Wailin' Dave— Outer Space Fame
Skillings Bros. Band
More, more,....
5:00 Chicken Barbecue

Later More music through the early eve
Special Guest Star
Folk Music Treat !!!!!

SUNDAY JULY 11

Noon: Family and Friends Picnic
1:00 Cammy Caynor Contra Dance

Saturday's schedule is just a basic outline of the day's events. There will be craft booths, pony rides, an animal zoo, and more to delight both young and old. Come browse, come play and enjoy a summer day in Wendell.

PRESS Wendell Post Reporter

New Salem Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday night, June 21st with approximately 90 people in attendance. Most of the articles on the warrant passed with little or no discussion. The Finance Committee had spent many hours researching the articles prior to the meeting and had made recommendations on each one.

The Fiscal year 1983 budget of $354,648 was approved. Discussion arose over the purchase of a set of law books costing $1,272 to aid the selectmen and other board members in dealing with town affairs. The general feeling was the expense of the books outweighed the benefits of them. This was the only article defeated on the warrant. The Nuclear Arms Freeze received much debate but the resolution passed by over 2/3 majority. The town is still dealing with going dark and much time was spent discussing the remaining 13 amortized lights. It would cost the town $1300 annually to leave the lights on. An amendment was made to increase the amount to $1800 to pay off the amortization completely, thus leaving the town totally dark. The motion passed, though some concern over areas like the firehouse, town barn & townhall being dark was expressed. It was suggested that these buildings could be individually lit through town cost.

The following school budgets were passed: Mahar - $94,803; Franklin County Tech. - $23,344 and Swift River School - $76,837.

Appreciation for Roberta Hunting's services as town clerk for the past 10 years was expressed. The Finance Committee's research and recommendations on all of the articles was also praised.

"The Bigger Picture": Wendell Finance Committee member, Jim Slavis, came prepared with facts and figures.

Mail On!

A NEED FOR MAILING ADDRESSES TO BE MORE ACCURATE

In a recent discussion with Wendell Postmaster Gladys Powling, the Wendell Post learned that her office is having increasing difficulty with poorly addressed mail. A similar problem exists for the Wendell Depot Office.

New U. S. Postal regulations require that mail be accurately addressed or it should be returned as undeliverable. This means that when a postal inspector finds mail in a mailbox with an improper address he may complain to the Post Office employee responsible.

Mrs. Powling pointed out that there are new people working in the Wendell Post Offices, and their lack of familiarity with correct box numbers slows the mail distribution. If any Wendell postal patron is unsure of their correct address, Postmaster Gladys Powling will gladly clarify it for them during Post Office hours.

Wendell Town Meeting

TOWN MEETING PASSES $.5 MILLION '82-'83 BUDGET

A lightly attended annual town meeting approved a $568,548 budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year. Four non-budget articles were considered and one was defeated, a bylaw to limit chemical spraying in Wendell. A resolution supporting a U.S. - U.S.S.R. nuclear weapons freeze passed without dissent.

More than half the budget was contained in one article, Article 5. This article included many items that had been divided into individual articles in the past, e.g. officials' pay, highway department, and school budgets. $439,410.36 was appropriated under this article, most of which is to be raised by local taxation. In large part, this sum did not diverge from the amount requested by the finance committee.

Except for concern about the tightness of the school budget, there was not much discussion on this part of the town budget. The discussion did become more pointed when town meeting member, Michael McPhee, questioned the Board of Assessors' move to sign a contract with a tax-mapping firm without putting the work out to bid, or having received town meeting approval on the project. Pliny Stebbins, an assessor, explained that the map was urgently needed to head off further complaints about the town's property revaluation. A representative from the firm explained that "professional services do not need to be put out for bid." The meeting voted to make the first payment for this map, $11,200 from free cash.

The town's shared administrative assistant received $4,000 from Wendell this year to make up for the lack of state and county support. The stabilization fund, the town's "rainy day account" received another $10,000 and $5,600 was approved to hire a private auditing firm for the town's books.

A $200 appropriation was approved for new tables for the town hall, while a $1,000 request was reduced to $150 for the town vault furnishings. $2,000 each was spent for new police radio equipment and portable dog kennels from revenue sharing monies. From the same source, $28,000 was earmarked for a new town garage.

By unanimous acclamation the meeting approved a resolution that calls on the President to negotiate a nuclear arms freeze with the Soviet Union and to convert the funds saved to civilian use. A bylaw to limit chemical spraying in Wendell was defeated after members of the select board explained that its passage might jeopardize a similar bylaw passed last year which is now in litigation. Finally the meeting voted to name the road from Farley Road in Wendell to Millers Falls as Mormon Hollow Road.

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New Salem Academy News

by Nathaniel Needle

Since my last article on the New Salem Academy (Feb./March issue), there have been some exciting new developments, which should be of great interest to everyone in New Salem and Wendell.

In a nutshell, after many discussions with a sub-committee of the New Salem Academy Board of Trustees, I submitted an outline of my proposal for a new, co-educational day school program for grades 7-12 to the full board. They liked it, and have retained me as a "consultant" for the coming year. I am to proceed with the organization of this new educational program at the Academy. This work will include the development of the curriculum, recruiting students and faculty, and raising funds for the preparation of the central building and the operation of the school. When the school opens in September of 1983, I'll stay on to serve as Headmaster.

Needless to say, this project isn't going to work as a "one-man show". Furthermore, my whole purpose is to create a true "community school", where townspeople are actively involved as advisors, volunteers, part-time instructors, and full-time faculty. In return, a large part of the students' learning will be linked to service projects designed to enhance the quality of life in this area.

So, your participation, your support, your skills, know-how, and elbow grease are all needed and welcome. The school needs to raise $25,000 this year. If we make that a challenge for all of us, the process of meeting our goal will itself be worthwhile, and it will set the tone for a school that is really part of the town.

It is important to mention that my proposal to the Trustees includes a "timeline" whereby this plan can be annulled if certain financial and organizational pieces of the puzzle aren't filled in by specific dates in September, November, and March. So there's no time to lose! The Academy will hold a public meeting on Monday, July 19th, at 7:30 pm, at the Automotive Building, to explain details of the project, answer questions, and help organize a volunteer effort for those interested. Please come!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 544-7327, leave a message with Paul Wilbur at 544-6433, or write Box 81, New Salem, MA 01355. I want to sincerely thank those neighbors and friends whose support has enabled the project to come this far.

State Forest Memo

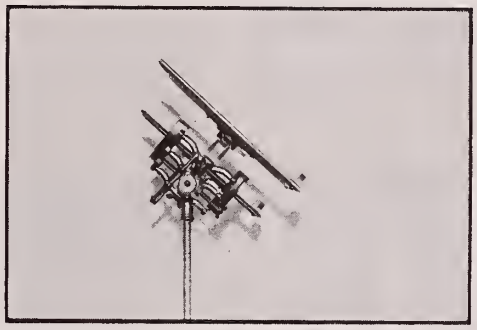
Doug Burnett, State conservation employee at the Wendell State Forest reports that the park is open for the summer, with the gates open from 8:30 in the morning until 7:30 at night. Parking fees are $3.00, or $20.00 for a season's pass, which is good for use at any Mass. State Park. In the summer months the 8,000 plus acre forest offers swimming at Ruggles Pond, canoeing at Wickett Pond, fishing, hiking and picnicing.

Over the past winter, State employees groomed the trails of the park to provide better conditions for snowmobiling and cross country skiing.

Visitors to the State Forest will find that a large pavilion has been built near the ball field. New toilets are finished except for the last coat of paint. Mr. Burnett noted that this year wood will not be provided, so people should bring their own.

The state forest is staffed by a crew of 2 full time regulars who work year round. Summer requires the addition of two helpers plus two life guards. Park Supervisor is Roland Leveille.

A memorable event was the Fish Derby sponsored by the Millers Falls Sportsmen's Club which was held at Ruggles Pond in mid-spring for the children of the area. Approximately 129 boys and girls lined the pond banks for a chance to catch one of the 250 rainbow trout stocked prior to the derby. About 60 fish were taken, to the delight of the large crowd which had assembled to watch.



WHAT'S IT? Answer: This is a sideview of the Wendell Free Library's dictionary stand. Two readers and library patrons answered correctly. The two sharp-eyes are Justin and Gilly Idoine.
Their photos will appear in the next issue.

A LAST MINUTE OPINION.....

Wendell Residents:

Be advised that the Selectmen are working on a Town Hall Use Policy. This policy will define and possibly limit by whom and how The Town Hall may be used.

At present, the subject of Town Hall use is being researched by the Selectboard. At their June 29th meeting they intend to hammer out a policy, without the benefit of public notice or hearing. The debate has been hot and emotionally charged, as each Selectman has his own ideas of how to best protect the Town Hall and the people's rights of access. The subject is delicately touched upon in the Selectmen's Minutes, but the complete story is quite complex, with the details varying according to whom you speak. If you have an interest in this matter, it may be important for you to attend upcoming Selectmen's meetings.

Our Town Hall has benefited from alot of attention in the last several years. With the high quality of custodial care it is recieving and the addition of curtains, mural and the BiCentennial hand-carved medallion, it is a source of pride for our Town. If the people wish to have the Hall available to them, as the vote of a past Annual Town Meeting article would indicate, how then can the Town Hall be protected from wear and abuse? Difficult decisions arise when dealing with this kind of concern. Toes can get stepped on. If people sit on the side now and criticize later, then the Selectmen will be undermined. A positive move would be to get involved now if you have pressing thoughts about this matter.

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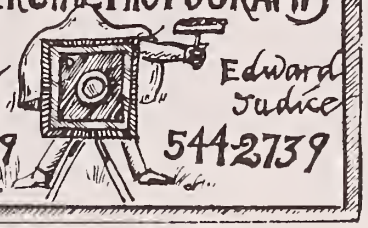

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Sat. 7-11

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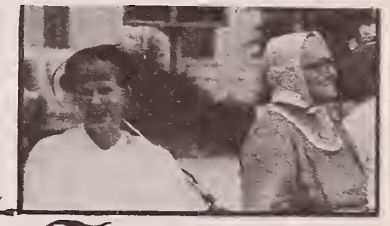

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Assessors

June E. Lewis 4-3507
Pliny A. Stebbins 4-3970
Jessie E. Weatherby 4-6451
Regular meetings held 1st & 3rd Tues. 7 pm at Town Hall.

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Marion Herrick 4-6373

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Inez Lewis 4-6951
Belinda Parsons 4-2066

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Cemetery Commissioner

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Thomas Bardsley 4-2178
Charles Shaw 4-6173

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Albert Diemand 4-3806
Emma Cappelluzzo 4-3583

F

Finance Committee

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Jim Slavis
Don Stone 4-3594
Anne Zak 4-6801
Regular Meetings held every Tues. night Nov. - May, 7:15 P.M. at Fire Station

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Forest Carey, Lieutenant 4-6692
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Tim Baresley
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Bob Bowers
Kimi Miller
Philip Stowell
Kevin Tenney
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David White

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Del Williston

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Dolores Williston 4-6051
Harry Williston 4-6951

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to report FIRE 4-3412
Station phone 4-3500

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Kathy Nolan 4-2306

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Pres. Edna Lauro 4-3457
V. Pres.

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Ladies Aid

Vice Pres. Sally Wilder 4-3851

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Peggy Simos 4-6893

Town Hall

4-3395

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Tree Warden

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Selectman's Minutes

Wendell Town Hall

April 20, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chairman Ted Lewis. Selectman Boland arrived at 7.20 pm, Selectman Simos at 7:35 pm. Adm. Assistant Rita Farrell at 7:30 pm. and Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley at 7 pm.
Selectman Lewis reported on the statis of the Fire Dept. Tanker. Set Pre-town meeting for May 4th at 7:30 pm.
Tom Bardsley asked the Selectmen for some money to fix up the International Dump Truck. The request was for $1,000.00.
The Board told him to see the Finance Comm.
Rita reported on bill involving State owned lands.
Rita reported on block grant applications.

May 5, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full bo. board present. The minutes of the April 20 1982 meeting were approved. The weekly pay. roll and bill warrent was approved.

Ted nominated Ed Boland as Chairman. Ken seconded. Ed was elected Chairman. Harry Williston was appointed Clerk of the Select. men.

Ted reported on a meeting that he attended in Erving with the State Highway Engineers concerning the two Millers River Bridges.

Ken reported that the FETA has a meeting this coming Thursday.

Ken made a motion that the Rural Arts Group will not use the Town Hall again until the $15 deposit is recieved by the board.

Tom Bardsley reported that they are cleaning ditches. Asked permission to dump fill at nearest person that wants fill Permission granted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

May 8, 1982

The Revenue Sharing Budget hearing was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chairman Ed Boland. The budget was presented. No objection heard.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

May 18, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Boland with Selectman Lewis also present. Clerk Harry Williston arrived at 7:18 p.m. and Slm. Ken Simos after that. The weekly payroll and bill warrents were approved.

Annie Diemand informed the Board that "Clean Up Day" will take place May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. She requested and was granted permission to use the Town Hall for refresh. ments.

Sylvia Wetherby representing Green Hills Co-op requested use of a Town building for food distribution 3rd Thursday of every month, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will use the Town Garage.

Ed Boland suggested that private groups be charged $30 plus a $15 refundable deposit for each Town Hall use. The $30 will go into an improvement fund. The $15 be the present custodial deposit.

Charles Winn of Kimball-Cooke Insurance Co. met with the Board and discussed coverages for next fiscal year.

Adjustments to be made July 1, in the Building coverage:

500 to 1000 deductable
Valuations Town Hall-$85,800 to $95,000
Fire Station-$49,050 to $50,000
Town Garage-no change
Drop coverage of storage shed

Doug Simon requested the use of the Town Hall for Sat., Sept. 11 for his wedding. Permission was granted by a 2-1 vote of the Board with the following stipulations: ceremony to be held inside the Town Hall 11:00 a.m. Reception with no alcoholic beverages to be held on the common. All over by 3:00 p.m.

June 1, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Boland with Ted Lewis present. Ken arrived late.

7:00p.m. Pole Hearing-2 poles on Rush Road Location approved.

Minutes of May 5th, 8th, and 18th meetings were approved. Weekly payroll and bill warrant was signed.

David Wilder of the Bd. of Health informed the Selectmen that they were presently discussing the possibility of adding five hours per week to the dump hours.

7:30 p.m. Bid opening-Highway materials.

Item #1 Liquid Bituminous Materials:

ALL STATE ASPHALT	
All grades of med. & rapid curing cutback	$1.07/gal
All grades MS & RS Emulsion	.915/gal
70 mag Emulsion Seal	.955/gal
70 mag Emulsion Mix	.955/gal
LAKE ASPHALT & PETROLEUM CO.	
All grades of MC & RC	$1.03/gal
Reg. Emulsion	.88/gal

Voted to call Lake first, ask for price. If changed, call All States. Purchase from cheapest.

Item # 2 Hot and Cold Patch Mix

LAKE ASPHALT	24.50/T
WARNER BROS.	24.50/T
TREW CORP.	24.50/T

Voted to split purchases between all three

Item #3 Gravel, processed

	1¼"	3/4"
NORTHFIELD	4.60/T	
WARNER BROS.	5.85/T	
G & S LYMAN (Del. to Town Barn	4.25/yd	
Various sites	4.50/yd	

Voted to check quality of Lyman's and award later.

Item #4 Gravel, bank run

NORTHFIELD	3.25/T
WARNER BROS.	4.25/T
G & S LYMAN	2.75/cu. yd. del. to Town Barn
	3.00/cu. yd. del. to various sites

Voted to check quality and award later.

Item #5 Stone, crushed and washed

	3/8	1/2	3/4
NORTHFIELD	6.95/T	6.85/T	6.35/T
WARNER BROS.	8.25/T	8.25/T	7.95/T

Awarded to Northfield

Item # 6 Culvert Pipe

	paved & coated	coated
WHOLESALE DIST.		
6" X 15 perforated		2.47
12"X 16 "		5.30
15"X 16 "		6.50
12"X 16 solid		5.05
15"X 16 "		6.15
18"X 16 "		7.55
PENN CULVERT		
6" X 15 perforated		2.20
12" X 16 "		4.81
15" X 16 "		
12" X 16 solid	5.25	4.75
15" x 16 "	6.55	5.85
18" X 16 "	7.75	7.10

Awarded to Penn Culvert Co.

Discussed Wendell/Erving bridge situation with Selectman Wes Thompson of Erving. Ted brought everyone up to date.

The Board of Health requested that the Selectmen fence around the dog pit at the dump and that two sheets of plywood be purchased to cover the hole.

Chairman Boland proposed the following policy for Town Hall use: 1) for Town Groups - no fee. 2) for non-Town groups - charging admission and events open to the public - $30 fee. 3) private groups, limited guest list - $50 fee.

Discussed problems on Jennison Rd. with Hwy. Sur. Tom Bardsley, voted to send a letter to Steve Puffer Jr. asking him to refrain from using Jennison Rd. with excessive loads of logs.

Discussed removal of a rock of New Salem Rd. The Board instructed Tom to survey other areas with similar problems and come back to the board with the information.

Discussed possible proposals for Ch. 90 funds: Hwy. Sur. Tom Bardsley has three suggestions: 1) Improve drainage and resurface Wendell Depot and Locks Village Rds. 2) Rebuild Morse Village Rd. from church to Jessie Wetherby's 3) Spot seal Wendell Depot Road, Locks Village Road and Farley Road.

Tom will bring in a proposal for the nest meeting.

Tom asked the Board about repairing the old salt shed.

They also discussed several Dog Officer matters. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Williston, Clerk

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544-2739

N.Y Rally Local Impressions

On June 12th more than 30 residents from Wendell and New Salem travelled to New York City to join with nearly one million other people from around the nation and around the world in a unified plea for an end to the nuclear arms race. Below we have recorded impressions voiced by some of the local participants of the march and rally.

GILLIAN IDOINE, Wendell- "The march made a large impression on me. It made me realize how many people there are who are against nuclear arms and also feel like people were finally doing something worthwhile to make people realize the problem with nuclear arms.

KATHY BECKER, Wendell- " I was proud because for one day all I saw was the good side of human Nature. It made me fiercely aware of how much I want us all to live. On the way home, looking at the trees made me cry because they looked so pretty and so fragile. I am afraid a few people will wreck it."

RICHARD SHORTT, New Salem- " Incredibly large turnout. Much more than I expected. As a person who has been involved in peace marches for 20+ years (since high school), I see an incredible evolution of the attitude about peace. I especially noticed a lack of hostility along the march. The crowd, including the cops, was friendly, cooperative supportive, unlike most large crowds — people were sensitive to each other.

PAT JUDICE, Wendell- " I was surprised at the emotional impact the rally had on me. I was touched by the 'unified presence' I felt from the crowd. I was struck by how extremely well organized the rally was. I remember especially what an official bus greeter said, ' This is just the beginning.'"

DEBBIE FIER, Wendell- " The day was incredibly peaceful and non-violent — and alcohol and drug free. So many people — black, white, Japanese, Canadian, Norwegian, feminists, lesbians and gays, children, peace groups, and colleges."

JOYCE SHORTT, New Salem- " My overwhelming impression— that people were in such deep basic agreement about the need for peace— even though there were many differences among the many people there. "

MICHAEL IDOINE, Wendell- " Rivers of faces, searching and finding old friends in the crowd who drift away safely on the strong spirit of the day, feeling tears well and ebb with the chants and songs along the waves of marchers, like pulses of hope, my daughter on my shoulders can't see the end of the people in the street, riding the subway past the South Bronx , hollowed and burned out, knowing all the while we invest billions to assure mutual destruction."

TERI NELSON, Wendell- " I have been thinking about the rally ever since I came home. It is the most important thing I've ever been involved with. If we don't turn this thing around (the nuclear arms race) then nothing else matters. Cures for disease, scholarships, brains and beauty are secondary if we wipe each other out. A lot of the time I feel helpless because the men in power make the decisions. The rally was a way for me to speak out."

"Memorial Day Observance"
by Don Pugh

NANCY GROSSMAN, New Salem " The large turnout at the march indicated that more and more people are unwilling to tolerate the existence of nuclear weapons in this volatile age. I have often asked, ' Why spend billions of dollars on weapons systems that become obsolete as soon as they are built? Why not use that money to improve the quality of life in this country and around the globe?'"

NAT NEEDLE, New Salem- " During the march, I was not so sure the out-pouring of people would have any direct effect on the thinking of our government. I was moved, however, by the notion of a world without nuclear weapons, or at least a halt to the arms race: a notion that was gradually being transformed into a very real option in the minds of many Americans— even many who were not in the streets that day. It is nolonger a wild dream. "

JOHNATHON VON RANSON, Wendell- " It made me think that people are beginning to realize they can't leave leadership in the hands of men with blind ambition— that surviving in a high tech civilization on a small planet requires constant work... probably as much work as that technology saves. It was very exciting to see."

SUSAN DUPRE', Wendell- " Seeing the huge numbers of people that came to say no to our government's war machine touched my heart. But it is all so out of hand— these nuclear weapons, our arms sales abroad, blatant support of killing people by our government. I am still afraid. We must continue to say no every way we can. "

KAREN IDOINE, Wendell- " I saw that the great challenge is for the species of man to learn to master the demonic urge to war. Non-violent political action can be the tool with the power by which we learn to counter the destructive urge."

"Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch."

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Democratic Convention

Local input and enthusiasm was visible at the May 22 State Democratic Convention in Springfield. Wendell delegate Karen Pierce, New Salem delegate Spencer Marshall, Warwick delegate Les Black, Orange delegate Jim Donelan, and Greenfield delegate Bill Benson were observed and interviewed during the course of the day's events by a happy "Wendell Post" reporter who roamed the convention floor at will with the freedom offered by an official press pass.

Amid the noise of demonstrations by delegates and visitors, party power-house, Jim Donelan, explained that this convention was the first attempt by the Democratic Party to endorse candidates in 10 years. Other than issue conventions, the convention process was dropped because it was felt that so much input created too much diversity. Now the State Democratic Party is concerned that it "has lost a strong core because of lack of involvement. This convention pulls Democrats together, creates strong bonds. For anyone interested in the Democratic ticket, it gives a sense of direction. People here have done a lot of work. They have read a lot of literature, they have studied the issues. The convention is a strong suggestion because of the homework that has been done."

Spencer Marshall, veteran delegate from New Salem, offered that the convention was good for increasing local input and enthusiasm. He particularly liked the relaxed, unpressured atmosphere of this convention.

Attorney Les Black from Warwick expressed similar observations about the impact of the convention on town party politics. He noted that "with the convention there has been increased attendance at meetings, with a resulting increase in discussion and exchange of ideas. About the convention itself, the weary delegate said with an amused smile, "It's possible to make a whole new bunch of friends just by pinning on a new button."

Our Wendell delegate, Karen Pierce, came well prepared, steeped in Wendell town party input, and bolstered by long hours of independant research. With a serious countenance she tended to business at hand with earnesty and reserve, as button and sticker-encrusted adults holding balloons or placards milled about our delegation.

When Rep. Bill Benson, delegate from Greenfield, was separated from the bee-hive of activity about him, he had several observations to make about the convention. He felt that the galvanizing forces of King vs. Dukakis had attracted a caucus drawn from a broad base. He felt that this was unique; that usually the caucus did not attract as many facets of the Democratic population. The focus of the convention process enabled people to activate themselves. As for an interpretation of the convention tone, he summed it up in this way, "It's like a love-in for Dukakis." When last seen, Mr. Benson was overheard chuckling, we assume affectionately, about "The Wendell Post" covering the convention.

Another group from Franklin County was notable. The Franklin County Political Action Committee held a Poor Peoples' Luncheon at a table in the hall to underscore their concern about state and federal cuts to human service programs in this area. The lunch featured cheese from Mr. Reagan's surplus cheese program. Although the display was well-thought out and informational, there were no takers for the "meal".

by K.B.

On Being Healthy

Maryvonne Kutsch

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Has everyone been burning those calories? I have seen alot of people who are really concerned with their habits and how they relate to their health these days especially here in Wendell. Seems like people do not want to give up their young healthy bodies too easily. Keep up the good work! Balance and Moderation are two good guidelines. Balance in Diet The "Four Food Groups" is a good place to start as a guide:(1)Milk Group-2 serv/adults,4 serv/teenager,3 serv/child-Per Day(for Calcium, Riboflavin(B_2),Protein;(2)Meat Group-2 serv, (Prot,Niacin,Iron,Thiamine(B_1));(3)Fruit & Veggies-4 servings(Vitamins A&C);(4) Grains-4 servings(Carbohydrates,Thiamine, Iron,Niacin.)

Some people know that a protein*can be "manufactured",as it were, by combining certain foods such as beans and rice.Some people also know other ways of finding calcium without drinking milk(green leafy, veggies) As I said, the Four Groups serve as a good guideline for those who do not have the time to study dietary concepts.

*A protein is composed of Amino Acids. AA's are made in the body and can be acquired through the diet. A protein must be composed of the correct amounts of AA's to be of high value to the body. All animal proteins(cheese,milk,meat or fish,etc.)contain the correct amount of AA's.

Moderation: Observe moderation in drinking coffee;alcohol;taking aspirin and other drugs;fats;and refined(white)sugar. See you at Old Home Day!

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Thank You

To Lynn Ready, who with this issue leaves the "Post" staff, many thanks for the two or so years you have volunteered your typing and organizational skills. We appreciate the innovations you brought to the typing system, and are especially grateful for your recent help in the type-writer selection process. Thanks for your help, and good luck in your new job.

Love,
W.P. staffers

Owed is a spot-light on pianist/composer Steven Schoenberg of New Salem, for whom interesting things have been happening.

Theatre Not Dead in New Salem

NEW SALEM RELIVES THEATRICAL TRADITIONS OF THE PAST

Through the years, many people have given their time and professional talent to musical and theatrical performances in New Salem.

In the early 1890's, New Salem was the summer residence of a talented musical family, the McGibneys. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. James B. McGibney, twelve children and three additional in-laws. They travelled throughout the country, sometimes in a private railroad car performing musical concerts. After settling in New Salem, Frank McGibney, one of the sons, recruited a group of local young men and organized the New Salem Farmers' Band who flourished for some years. Mrs. Frank McGibney organized a group of younger boys and girls who presented concerts locally.

From 1906 to 1939, New Salem was the summer rendezvous for members of the Dorothea Dix Hall Assoc., later to become the Boston Children's Theatre. The youthful members, locally known as "the Reddy Girls", were guests of Boston lawyer, Thomas Reddy. He turned his New Salem home into a studio and playhouse and each year, for Old-Home Day, the "Reddy Girls" presented a special program for the townfolk under Mr. Reddy's direction.

In the late teens and early 1930's, Vaudevillian performers Tom and Nina Redway spent their free time at "Rosey Ridge" in North New Salem (near Bear's Den). Tom did a juggling act and Nina performed a unique paper tearing act for various town functions. In 1931, Tom performed a marathon juggling feat by juggling apples while walking a distance of 2½ miles from North New Salem to Orange.

This summer the theatrical-musical tradition in New Salem will be revived with the production of Small Town Life, written, composed, choreographed and played by New Salemites. The book and lyrics are written by Dorothy Johnson, music composed by Steven Schoenberg, and dances choreographed by Jan Cramer. All cast members are from New Salem.

Even now snatches of the title song, Small Town Life, can be heard in the corridors of the town hall, the main room of the library, and even in the showers of the cast. The number of cast members is fast approaching 30 performers. The plot of the musical is quite flexible to allow a wide range of people from all walks of life and all age groups to participate.

The plot is about an old vaudevillian player who returns to town and teaches two children to dance for the Old Home Day show. However, complications arise when the Selectmen inform the "Old Home Day Committee" there are no funds for the show. However, someone make an anonymous donation and the show goes on.

Small Town Life will be performed at the New Salem Town Hall, July 17th as part of New Salem's Old Home Day festivities. There will be an additional performance the preceding night, July 16th. Time for each show is 7:30 and tickets will be $1.00 to help pay for the cost of the production. Because of limited seating capacity, tickets will be sold in advance at the library, post office and New Salem Restaurant.

by Ellie Voutselas (special thanks to Carolyn Chouinard for her help with the historical research.)

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WORSHIP SERVICE

WENDELL CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
July 11th 6:00 p.m.

Land Transfers

5/17/82 Artel and Lillian Bourbeau to Eugene J. Ahearn 10 acres and buildings near Farley Rd.

5/17/82 Wendell Wilderness, Inc. to Marguerite B. Houghton, 18,934 acres near Bullard Pasture Rd.

4/26/82 June Leslie Oppenheimer to Claudia Scully, 5.253 acres and buildings on Bullard Pasture Rd.

4/20/82 Chester E. Clark to Richard E. and Penny E. Wilder, 10 acres and buildings on Wendell Depot Rd.

4/12/82 Francie J. Yureza Sr. to Allen Rubin, Jr., 2 acres and buildings on Locke Village Rd.

4/12/82 Francis J. Yursza Sr. to Allen Rubin, 1 acre on Locke Village Rd

4/12/82 Allen Rubin, executor of will, to Francis J. Yursza Jr., 3 acres and buildings on Locke Village Rd.

4/ 5/82 Joseph Drozdowski to Louise Kniskern, 0.50 acres amd buildings on Mormon Hollow Rd.

4/ 1/82 Dennis Paquette and Phillip L. Phillips to Theodore Descavich, and Debra A. Descavich, 9.968 acres amd buildings on Farley Rd.

5/28/82 Mabel Daniels to Luther Daniels, 60 acres and buildings on New Salem Rd.

6/2/82 Sydney E. and Penelope J. Taylor to Lester A. and Mildred Cook, 2 acres on East Main St.

New 4-H Group

A new 4-H group, the New Salem Seedlings, was formed in May by Marianne Palmieri and five local boys. This group is an offshoot of the popular Swift River Valley 4-H Club led by Carol Whittier. Carol's group is for people with farm animal projects. The Seedlings welcome those with small animals, and those interested in environmental conservation.

Although the Seedlings have met only twice they have been very busy. On May 15 the group helped Bruce Spencer, the Metropolitan District Commission forester, plant pine seedlings. At the June 21 meeting, David Palmieri gave a demonstration about his guinea pig. Aaron Kendall will do the July 19th demonstration on his dog. The group also elected the following officers: Aaron Kendall president; Dana Ploof vice president; John Clune treasurer; David Palmieri secretary; Jonathan Spencer librarian.

The Seedlings meet on the third Monday of every month at the home of Heidi Krantz on Moosehorn Road in New Salem. For more information on the Seedlings call Heidi at 544-2696, or Marianne at 544-2611.

The Swift River Valley 4-H club meets each month at the home of Carol Whittier on Wendell Road in New Salem. Call her at 544-6495 for information on that group.

Deaths

NELSON W. NYE

May 9, 1982 Jennison Road

Mr Nye was an out of town visitor who was here as a guest of his daughter, Virginia Bradshaw, when he suffered congestive heart failure.

LILLIAN D. GIBBS

Lillian D. (Zani) Gibbs, 65, of Kentfield Rd. in Wendell Depot, died Monday, June 21 at the Franklin County Public Hospital in Greenfield. She had been the postmaster for Wendell Depot since 1950. Her husband, Myron A. Gibbs, died in 1975. He had served Wendell as Fire Chief.

Mrs. Gibbs also had operated Gibb's Store in Wendell Depot since 1956. The building was both store and post office to those who stopped there.

She leaves a daughter, Susan Gauvin of Greenfield; a brother, Frank Zani of Dover, Del.; three sisters, May Maroni of Athol, Alice Mosco of Lincoln, N.H. and Beatrice Boucher of Orange, and a grand daughter.

Born in Ornge, she was daughter of Dominic Dominick and Domenique (Aguda) Zani.

She was a member of the Wendell Congregational Church, of which she was treasurer for many years. She was a member of Athena Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and the Wendell Firemen's Auxiliary. She was a red phone operator and dispatcher for the W.F.D.

Contributions may be made to the Orange Lodge of Masons Temple Trust in care of Oren Jones, 120 Winter St., Orange.

Burial was in South Cemetery, Orange.

(Taken in part from "The Athol Daily News.)

FIRE LOG

4/25/82 Davis Rd., Keller residence Grass fire

5/22/82 False Alarm

6/14/82 Mormon Hollow Rd., Diemand residence. Chimney fire.

POLICE LOG

4/19/82 Gary Benoit commited suicide.

4/23/82 One-car accident on Wendell Depot Rd. No injuries.

5/07/82 Post office sign and mailbox vandalized.

5/08/82 Tom Bardsley reported someone had been in his house and a speaker and a 22 caliber gun taken.

6/11/82 One-car accident on Wendell Depot Hill.

New Salem Library News

South Main Street
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The library has recently purchased a number of paperbacks aimed at the young adults in the community. There is a selection of science fiction, romances, contemporary teen situations, adventure stories, mysteries and fantasy for summer reading leisure. These books will also be enjoyed by adult readers.

The New Salem Library will participate in Old Home Day with its annual Book Sale. The adult collection has recently been weeded so there will be a wide selection for sale. There will also be some books from the Greenwich Library for sale that still have Greenwich library bookplates.

Wendell Free Library Notes

The Wendell Free Library welcomes the summer with plantings of flowers by Ingrid Pfohl and Laurel, our third annual summer film fest, new books for your vacation reading, and festivities scheduled for Old Home Day.

Our schedule for the July and August films will be:

Friday July 2,7:30 pm "The Lady Vanishes". This is a classic Alfred Hitchcock film from 1938. Two short features: "the Cow That and "Jazz and Jitters".

Sat. July 3, 11 am Films for Kids

Friday, July 9, 7:30 pm "The Phantom of the Opera". The 1925 melodrama starring Lon Chaney.

Sat. July 10 during Old Home Day "The Old Quabbin Valley". A new film about a local controversial subject, including the propsed Connecticut River Diversion which would tunnel through Wendell.

"The Red Balloon". A story to delight all ages - a fantasy set in Paris about a boy who befriends a balloon.

Friday July 16, 7:30 pm "City Lights" starring Charlie Chaplin, with two shorts "Rosie's Walk" and "K-9000 : Space Oddity", A cartoon spoof of science fiction films.

Friday July 30, 7:30 pm "Hud" starring Paul Newman, with short "Syncopated Swing"

Friday Aug. 13, 7:30 pm "on the Waterfront" starring Marlon Brando, with short "Teo Men and a Wardrobe" by Roman Polanski.

The movies are shown in the basement of the Library, which accomodates approximately thirty pwople. Admission is free.

On Old Home Day, the library will sell used books, reprints of the town history, and Bicentennial coloring books. There will also be a display of town memorabilia from the collection of the Wendell Historical Society. Donations are welcome of recent paperbacks or children's books in good shap that we could add to our collection or sell at Old Home Day.

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Bicentennial Vignettes

This piece is another in a collection of Historical Vignettes written by the Wendell Bicentennial Committee.

Silas Wilder

(Settled in Wendell in 1755, helped organise the Congregational Church)

Setting: Silas stands in front of a speaker's podium. He is dressed in a loose shirt, made of coarse cloth (cotton or wool,) covered by a vest of darker material. His pants are either coarse cloth or leather, loose-legged and dark like the vest. He wears leather boots up to the calf and a three-cornered hat with a small pheasant feather.

Silas: My name be Silas Wilder, and I cameth here in 1755 with the Lord's blessing to settle in this hilly place. Many were the reasons for my departure to Wendell, the most urgent of which were to escape the Rebel Rousers of the eastern shore. Boston and its neighbors hath been overgrown with folk of questionable repute, and I have taken my leave to find a God-fearing, God-loving community. Others came hither from the east too--removed from Lancaster, Sterling, Westminister, Leominister and Lexington. Settlements hath grown up in the north, upon that portion of the town then calleth Ervingshire. I were settled with my kin near Wickett Pond, and my neighbors been Lemuel Beamen, Benjamin Glazier, John Wetherbee, Master Locke and others. Wendell were a land temperate for heat and cold, abounding in forested hills and providing wood aplenty for them that settled here. It were clean of air too, and were blessed with game for hunting--deer and fowl and 'coons and bear--and the streams hath been filled to bursting. We hath no need to fight the savage heathen when I were here, but we hath need to clear the fields for planting and farming. There hath been mostly farmers among us, and we hath driven the oxen and planted the crops. Grain, flax, cattle, sheep and swine hath been plentiful in the early days, and the port' and grain barrels hath been taken to Boston in the winter. There hath been physicians too, and a blacksmith, and one time--when I were already gone to my eternal rest--the town hath even been blessed with 14 sawmills with machinery for turning! There were also the Ballare Tavern, on what now be called Jennison Road, where coaches would stop and horses were watered and people fed. In 1756, the town's first road were opened and came from Shutes bury, what were then called Roadtown. That same year another road been cut through from Montague. When the King's men landeth in the Bay Colony to put down the rebels, my son Nathaniel hath joined Captain Sweetser and other Wendell boys, and the townfolk hath raised hard money to procure beef for the army and wages for the soldiers. (as an aside, boasting) my Nathaniel, buried in 1851, hath lived to be the town's oldest inhabitant and were 100 years and 2 days when the Good Lord hath chosen to close his eyes! (pause) We that were here in 1774 hath organized the Congregational church, but it weren't till 1781, the same year that the town hath

been incorporated, that our meetin' house hath begun. It were finished in 1783, but it hath taken almost ten years more to finish our temple to the Lord with a floor, stove and pews. I were here when all the labor hath been done, and I hath heard the most Reverent Mr. Killburn speak and hath known that the Lord were pleased with His obedient children. My children hath prayed in the meeting house too, and their children after them hath prayed in yonder church after it were newly raised in 1846. (Pause) There hath been others who hath built their own houses of worship to the Lord, and I hath seen them from beyond the clouds where I hath been at rest these many a year. The early Baptists did rebel against their minister in neighboring Shutesbury and would not suffer to be blasphemed for their democratic views. Their house for the Lord were built here in 1819--it be this very house you sit in now wherein you watch and listen. Later there hath also been a Methodist Church Society, and a society of Universalists. And after that church quarrels betwixt the Congregationalists and the Unitarians, many of the towns' folk hath converted to the Mormon ways. Most of these hath been poor people that hath earned their living weaving baskets and picking berries. They ten went forth in covered wagons, leaving Wendell for the far west. But there still be an old burial ground, hidden back on Mormon Hollow Drive, where many of their kin still return to lay down flowers for the blessed and departed souls. (pause) How changed the times be now! There be no farming anymore in Wendell, save for the few hearty souls that harvest the hay in summer and do plant gardens do feed by in the winter. There be but one real farm now, worked by the Diemand folk for eggs, and there be only the Ballou lumber and but a handful of loggers and forestmen. There do be the Country Store where meals be given and food be bought, and the Gibb's place in the Depot. And there be the post office too where Sister Powling doth take the mail and chat with neighbors. (pause, nostalgically) but there be no farming anymore, and no grain or cattle or port' to drive to market. The one-room schoolhouses be gone too, and the temple we raiseth to our merciful Lord be closed and silent. (pause) Would I could still see that house peopled by the brethren and sisters of the town today! But them that would pray to our Master and would give thanks for His love do go elsewhere to lift their voices and show their hearts. 'Twere the way of the world, to change and grow. And that be not bad... only forgetting be so. (pause) Be not forgetful of what hath been here, for what hath been be what is, and what will be. 'Tis said the child be father of the man; so also yesteryear be nurturance for tomorrow. We here is spirit can but remember, you here is flesh can do! Great goodness be your works, today and forever. Blessed be this town, and all that dwell herein. So sayeth this most humble servant, Silas Wilder!

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Peace Pentecostal Service at Central Church

The Congregational Church in Wendell Center was opened for the first in some years to celebrate the festival of the Pentecost. This holiday marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

Because Peace Sabbath in the Christian calendar coincided this year with Pentecost more than 10,000 churches in the U.S. decided to celebrate the two holidays together on May 30.

In Wendell, the "Evening Message of Peace" was delivered by Mrs. Frances Crowe of Northampton. Mrs. Crowe spoke on the dangers of nuclear war and the ways a citizen might learn to help avert the possibility of such a war.

Judith MacIntosh led the congregation in the responsive reading. Pastors from Athol, Petersham, and Royalston assisted in the worship service. Daria Neilson created an interpretive dance for one of the readings which she danced with Gina Vitello and Tonya Nilson. Shane Devine offered her singing and led the congregation in all the songs.

After the service many of the worshippers enjoyed gathering for refreshments at the Town Hall. The service was sponsored by the Athol/Orange Area Clergy Association. Florrie Blackbird and Sylvia Wetherby helped to organize the affair.

Mrs. Wetherby said another service is planned for July 11th at 6:00 pm, and she hopes they will continue regularly for the rest of the summer. Rev. Mike Caldwell of Warwick will officiate. All are invited to attend.

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